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The Quiet Hour

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!

—Romans 11: 33.

"So much depends on what we say;
Chance words may all a lifetime sway;
And words that make some heart grow warm,
That save some erring one from harm,
That courage to the downcast give—
Such words as these forever live.
Oh! save us from the words that sting
And to our lives more sorrow bring,
And send us words of cheer and praise
That may some wounded spirit raise."

Thoughts are the soul's anchor, and there is no limit to the possibilities of that life which casts its thought-anchor alongside of the Son of God.

—Ida Q. Moulton.

The beauties of nature, the marvels of the world, the sky and stars, the flowers and trees, the mountains and rivers and fields, are like blessings of gold and silver, which are the possessions of all whether they think themselves rich or poor. And the happiness of friendship, the joy of companionship, the fellowship of humanity is glorious in spite of sin and bitterness and strife. We love and we cannot help loving, however we may be disappointed in each other, because of our poor limitations and in spite of our selfishness. Oh, it is a great thing to be alive, and see and learn and battle and grow!

—Floyd W. Tompkins.

In time to be
Shall holier altars rise to Thee—
Thy Church our broad humanity.

—Whittier.

It is not a guess, nor a prophecy, but a scientific certainty that coming generations will find a fairer and a better world awaiting them, and that a fairer and better manhood and womanhood will be the assured result.

—Josiah Strong.

"Know well, my soul, God controls
Whate'er thou fearest;
Round Him in calmest music rolls
Whate'er thou hearest.
What to thee is shadow to Him is day,
And the end He knoweth,
And not on a blind and aimless way
The spirit goeth."

The divine Captain assigns to service as He will; it is ours only with alacrity to obey. Some do duty as home guards, some in the field and at the front.

—Delavan L. Leonard.

We have not much time for reading, most of us, and yet think of the columns and pages that we do read, even with a scarcity of time, that would hardly be worth reading if centuries of leisure were at our disposal. Crimes and scandals, and all the much-ado-about-nothing that crowd the columns of the daily paper—we read those, and books, too, that will be forgotten almost before the ink is dry upon their pages. But for the real books that will never be forgotten there is no time. Have we not mistaken the background for the foreground? Careful to bring so "many things" in, while the "one thing . . . needful," or worth while, is crowded out.

—William R. Richards.

A thousand subtle influences are blended in the making of that elusive thing which we call personality, and no one but God can tell when a single sentence in an address, a sermon, a book, a leaflet or a chance conversation may find its way into the center of being, and open channels whence new tides of life shall flow toward higher and holier endeavor.

—Maud W. Raymond.

"The twilight shadows fall,
'Be of good cheer.'
At evening comes the call
'Be of good cheer."
Though dark the clouds above,
Trusting our Father's love,
The sun sets clear."

The great privilege of the Christian is deepening personal intimacy with Him who is the Christian's life—the Lord Jesus Christ. All comes to that at last. Christianity begins with many motives. It all fastens itself at last upon one motive, which does not exclude, but is large enough to comprehend all that is good in all the rest: "That I may know him."

—Phillips Brooks.

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

The Outlook of Missions

Our Motto:

THE CHURCH A MISSIONARY SOCIETY. EVERY CHRISTIAN A LIFE MEMBER.

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MISSIONS A DEBT, OR A CHARITY—WHICH.

BY REV. R. H. GLOVER, D. D.

"I am debtor to Greeks and to Barbarians. . . . So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you also that are in Rome."—Rom. 1: 14-15.

IN these forcible words the great Apostle expressed his own personal missionary conviction and resolve. He confessed himself the heathen's *debtor.* He *owed* them the Gospel. Even though he had already done more along this line than any dozen men of his time, he laid no claim to merit, nor considered that he was conferring any favor on the Romans in making an added effort to take them the Gospel. It was his *duty,* his *debt,* and he was only seeking, as an honest man, to discharge it.

But if it was for Paul a debt, can it be something less for the rest of us? Yet, the majority of professing Christians regard missions with utter indifference, missionaries as an enigma, and their task as self-imposed. They wonder by what strange freak of nature certain pious people choose to go and among yellow or black folks rather than stay at home. It is to be feared that very many even of those who do profess and possess a degree of interest in this work conceive of it merely as a charity.

Is there any essential difference between regarding missions as a *charity* and as a *debt?* Here comes a ragged, unkempt creature, holding out his dirty cap to me. I recognize him as a beggar. So I pull out a coin—a nickel, a dime, *anything*—and throw it to him. That is "charity." It is cheap; it is easy. It is free from any sense of responsibility, purely a matter of personal choice. But now another man steps up and hands me a bit of paper. I open it and find it a bill of debt—for $100. Do I presume to get rid of this second man as I did the first, by flinging him the first coin that comes handy? By no means. It is a very different matter, for this is a debt, and I am bound to face it seriously, and do everything in my power to wipe it out, to the very last cent.

Missions viewed as a charity—secondary, optional, no serious concern or prayer or effort, spasmodic and insignificant giving.

Missions viewed as a debt—primary, obligatory, deep heart concern and prayer and effort, systematic and sacrificing giving.

Charity *foots* the list of your expenditure and claims your spare cash. Debt *heads* the list, if you are conscientious, and cuts out everything non-essential, *until it is fully met.* You give a little of the *interest* on your money to charity, but you dip deep down into your principal and give *all,* if need be, to pay your debts.

In a church where a number of the leading members are all earning liberal salaries, they profess great interest in missions, but that church gives $25 a

year to the cause. On the other hand, I know of a colored washerwoman who puts $200 into the missionary offering. It is her yearly custom. What makes the difference between those two standards of giving? Simply the viewpoint. The church treats missions as a *charity,* the woman as a *debt,* and both give accordingly. To the church it is one among a score of equally important (or unimportant!) things; to the woman it is the *one supreme thing.* They *play* at missions as a sort of diversion; she works at missions as the business of her life.

In which light have you regarded this work—as expressed by your prayers, your gifts, your efforts to go? Has your conscience been convicted of a debt you owe the heathen, or have only your emotions been stirred at times with a feeling of pity?

We OWE the heathen the Gospel; we are their DEBTORS.

Out of gratitude for our own salvation, since only "by the grace of God I am what I am";

Out of loyalty to Christ, who commissioned us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;

Out of compassion for heathen suffering and sorrow; and finally

Out of the realization that in the Gospel we have the only remedy for their temporal ills and the only answer to their soul's eternal needs.

May God convict His children of their debts, and make them "ready, as much as in them is" to meet them! Then, at last, there will be no lack of missionaries to go, or intercessors to pray, or money to send. *May this conviction begin with* YOU.—*The Missionary Review of the World.*

God makes use of our prayers, no less than our works, in controlling and governing the world. Prayer loosens forces through which God works, no less than the labor of man releases the mighty forces of steam and electricity, through which God co-operates with man in making a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

—E. R. HENDRIX.

THE INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

AMELIA C. KRIETE.

THE Missionary and Educational Conference, held at Indianapolis, the last week in June, came to a close on Sunday evening, June 29th. After most inspiring meetings at St. John's and Immanuel Church, the visiting delegates, under a cloudless sky and sweltering heat, hurried away to find, if possible, more comfortable climate and cooler weather.

The members of the committee are to be congratulated on the success of this first conference in that city. It was reported on the closing night that the number of registrations had reached 646, of which number 56 were from outside the city of Indianapolis. There were representatives from Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Wisconsin and China.

The Reformed people of Indianapolis had done much to advertise this meeting in their beautiful city, and had made splendid preparations for entertaining all who came. The delegates felt they were not among strangers when they arrived at the station, for there were friends ready to receive them, known to all by the church colors. Those who came on Wednesday were hurried to the church, where they sat down to a bounteous meal served by the good people of Immanuel congregation.

The program as prepared by the committee was carried out without any change. The opening meeting was the convention of the Women's Missionary Society of Indiana Classis, but many others were present and listened with interest to the discussion led by Miss Cogan. The rest of the meetings followed as they had been announced. Much might be said about the splendid addresses given, and the inspiration the delegates received at all the meetings; neither can we speak of the conference without giving special emphasis to the splendid devotional services so fittingly led each afternoon by Mr. Evans. The heat was intense, but it did not seem to have any effect on the enthusiasm and zeal of the leaders.

It was indeed a pleasure and privilege to be at this conference, to hear the splendid addresses and discussions, and to meet the many old and new friends who assembled in our beloved Reformed Churches of this city. It is to be hoped that this first conference will not be the last.

OUR DELEGATES AT SILVER BAY.

HELEN S. LEIB.

Hon. Mr. W. S. Bennett, ex-Congressman from New York, summarized the benefits of Silver Bay as C-H-I-E-F. C for Christian Community; H, hope; I, inspiration; E, efficiency; F, fellowship. And very aptly did he include all the blessings of the Conference. The fellowship was complete, and except on denominational nights we were one great big family of Christians.

At our first denominational meeting one of our members very happily suggested that we invite the delegates from the Reformed Church in America to meet with us. We arranged for a moonlight launch ride for Wednesday, and that night stands most vividly in our memories. The moon was beautiful, the lake smooth and silvery and the companionship ideal. Rev. J. G. Rupp introduced the "Dutch" to the "Deutsche," and the fellowship and sociability will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant evenings of the Conference.

Nor did the friendship cease with the ride, for in the class room or during recreation hours the bonds of sympathy and fellowship grew each day, and the two Churches held their last denominational meeting jointly, discussing their missionary problems.

The friendships and fellowships of the delegates of the Reformed Church in America will ever linger as one of my most delightful memories.

"LINWOOD'S BEST."

A. C. SHUMAN, D. D., CHAIRMAN.

The unanimous testimony is that this was by far the best of the three conferences held at Linwood, Ohio. There were no disappointments. All the teachers and speakers fulfilled their appointments. The interest in Mission Study Classes was very marked, loyal and enthusiastic. We heard no adverse criticisms. The old delegates have all said that this was the best, strongest and most

THE DELEGATES FROM OUR CHURCH AT SILVER BAY CONNFERENCE.

helpful conference we have had. We had the largest attendance and the most enthusiastic delegates of any so far. There was a full attendance at all the periods.

A few impromptu, additional features were arranged, not provided by the printed program. The class in "Immigrant Forces" visited the foreign section of Hungarians at Lorain, Ohio, Friday afternoon. The impressions of this visit were given on Saturday evening to the whole conference. At this meeting a delegated representative from each Mission Study Class gave a report of the work done by the class, and also impressions from the book and study. This was very profitable to all. Dr. J. Albert Beam also spoke at this meeting.

On Sunday evening a song service or concert was held. This was followed by a Linwood meeting at which impressions of the conference were given by different delegates. These additional features revealed very clearly the scope and significance of the conference.

There was an excellent balance of the social and spiritual provisions for the conference. Great joy and innocent recreation, as well as spiritual uplift and deep, thoughtful meditation characterized the conference throughout. The conference was perfectly harmonious. The co-operation was hearty; the leaders and different periods very helpful, suggestive and inspirational. It was a decided success in every way, and we are confident that it can be made better still another year. The committee, after a very careful and helpful conference of three hours and a half on the subject have suggested a number of recommendations for next year's conference.

The significance of these conferences is just beginning to be felt. They mean much in moulding and influencing the younger people of the Reformed Church. They meet a very urgent need, and will undoubtedly grow in strength and power. The outlook was never more encouraging.

Talent forms itself in the silence of study; character in the stream of the great world. —GOETHE.

A FEW WORDS WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Since the first issue, January, 1909, of the OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS, the one ambition of those in charge of it has been to make it one of the best missionary magazines. We are far from the goal, and we shall never be able to attain it without the active support of every reader who believes in the thing we aim at.

You can help by paying your own subscription regularly. There are not a few delinquents.

You can find one or more new subscribers. This will enable the Boards of Missions to place the OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS on a better financial basis.

May we not ask that 500 of our most interested readers, become real promoters by contributing $5.00 annually, and by sending the names of ten new subscribers, thus helping to make the magazine a creative force in the missionary life of the Reformed Church. You can do it. Will you?

WILL RELIEVE THE BOARDS.

The pastor of the Forreston charge, in Illinois, Rev. Joseph M. Newgard, has this to say about the benefit of the envelope system:

"The envelope system is being used in both congregations. In the country we have the monthly duplex system, and by means of it we are now ready to pay very nearly half of our entire apportionment for the new Classical year. And we hope that within a year or two we will be ready to pay all of our apportionment in advance. As soon as the apportionment is laid by Classis, we hope to pay it. I think such a system of benevolence financing would relieve our church Boards of a great deal of worry and trouble.

"I hope you will be able to raise the required amount so that you will not need go to the bank for money. And I also hope you will be able to reduce that debt still farther, though I do not think that it is very large and should not give any one "the cold chills."

Life becomes contagious when it becomes sacrificial. Our work begins to tell when the workman is content to suffer, when he persists even unto blood.

—J. H. JOWETT.

Home Missions

EDITOR

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THE IMMIGRANT.

The September issue of the OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS will be largely devoted to the subject of "Immigration." It will be of special interest and value because the subject to be stressed in connection with Home Mission Week in November is to be that of "Immigration." Much valuable information intended for use during Home Mission Week will be made available in this special issue.

HOME MISSION DAY.

Home Mission Day this year is to be observed on November the 23d. This change in date has been made so as to link up our own denominational work with the inspiration that may come to the Church by the Interdenominational Movement of Home Mission Week. Home Mission Day this year ought to mean very much for our Church, inasmuch as this is our Jubilee Year. A special program for use in Sunday Schools and congregations is being prepared by the Board, and will be distributed without cost to congregations and Sunday Schools. The same will be ready for distribution early in October.

OFFERINGS ON HOME MISSION DAY.

The Board earnestly requests every congregation and Sunday School to raise one or more Church-building Funds in connection with Home Mission Day. That this object may more readily be accomplished it is suggested that the offerings on this day should be used for the purpose of establishing a Church-building Fund. With a little special effort on the part of congregations and Sunday Schools, this ought to be readily accomplished. In order that congregations and Sunday Schools who find it impossible to raise a Fund of $500 may still

DR. SOUDER'S CLASS AT LINWOOD CONFERENCE.

have a part in the Jubilee Campaign, it is proposed to have a number of General Funds established, made up of these smaller amounts. Let there be a general and united effort this year to raise the largest amount possible.

On July 27th the new mission at Buffalo, N. Y., dedicated its building. The building cost $2,600. The lot on which it stands was donated by the Kinsey Realty Company. Rev. O. H. Dorschel has been commissioned to supply this mission temporarily.

St. James Mission at Allentown, Rev. Joseph S. Peters, pastor, erected a temporary structure at a cost of $1,450. The same was dedicated on the last Sunday in June. This mission starts out under very favorable auspices. They have secured a lot about a square away, and contemplate to erect a handsome Church building during the course of the next two years. The congregations of the city of Allentown are standing by this work, and give it assistance in the form of money and members.

NEW HOME MISSION STUDY TEXT-BOOK

"Our Home Mission Work" is the title of the new book, which has been prepared by the Board of Home Missions. The first four chapters were neatly bound together for use at the summer conferences at Linwood and Mount Gretna. The book, consisting of eight chapters, will be ready the early part of September. Those who have seen the partial edition which has been issued, express their delight with the fund of information which it contains. Here is a note from one of our wide-awake and aggressive pastors in Eastern Pennsylvania: "Permit me to thank you and to congratulate you most heartily upon the present chapters of your splendid Mission Study book. I have read them with great delight and profit. This book will fill a very great need in our denomination, and its attractive style is sure to give it wide use. I am so much pleased with its accumulative character in which one just feels the denomination grow. As I read it last night, I found myself just filling up with zeal for both the work and Mission Study. We are planning a full Mission Study program in our Church and your book will add to its spice very materially."

FILLING MANY APPOINTMENTS.

General Secretary Schaeffer, during the year delivered 140 public addresses on the subject of "Home Missions." Here is a paragraph from his quarterly report to the Board at its meeting July 15th and 16th:

"The last quarter has been an exceptionally busy one. I spoke in the following congregations: Hain Reformed Church, Wernersville; Alsace, Reading; Cavetown and Wolffsville, Md.; Trachsville, Pa.; Stone Church, Pa.; Martins Creek, Pa.; Flicksville, Pa.; Johnsonville, Pa.; St. Stephen's, Lebanon; Dewey Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.; Braddock, Pa.; Zelienople, Pa.; St. James, Allentown; St. Stephen's, Reading, and Scottdale, Pa. I also spoke before the following Classes: Reading, Tohickon, Wyoming, Lebanon, Eastern Pennsylvania, Lehigh, Goshenhoppen, Philadelphia; likewise delivered two addresses before the summer conference at Indianapolis, another address at the summer conference at Linwood; prepared a paper which was read before the institute of the Home Missions Council, held at Asbury Park, N. J. I also attended a meeting of the Permanent Committee on colored work in connection with the Council of the Reformed Churches, holding the Presbyterian system, which was held at Atlanta, Ga., and incidentally I was permitted to deliver a brief address at one of the evening meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Atlanta. In connection with this, I prepared and published during the quarter four chapters of the book, "Our Home Mission Work." A great deal of time was given to the campaign for the securing of Church-building Funds. We have received during the last year in cash, in partial payments and in definite promises more than three hundred Funds."

ANOTHER MISSION STRENGTHENED.

The mission at Scottdale, Pa., Rev. W. J. Muir, pastor, dedicated its new building on July 13th. A splendid building at a cost of a little more than $12,000 reflects great credit upon pastor and people, as also upon the architect and contractor. Everybody was delighted with the splendid work that has been done. The future of this mission is now well assured. It will likely go to self-support within a year or two. Rev. Mr. Muir has been doing a splendid work during his pastorate of three years. The day of dedication was an ideal one. General Secretary Schaeffer and Superintendent Souders were there and preached the sermons. In the afternoon a fellowship meeting with the pastors of the other denominations of the town was held. All of the services were largely attended. There were no efforts made at raising money, as is usually the case at dedication services. All the money for the building and improvements at the parsonage, with the exception of $600, had already been provided for. This is a most splendid showing for these good people, and the Board extends its congratulations.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD.

THE annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions was held at headquarters in Philadelphia on July 15th and 16th. The following members of the Board were present: Dr. I. C. Fisher, J. H. Mickley, Dr. P. Dippell, Mr. F. C. Brunhouse, Mr. G. W. Stein, Mr. C. H. Boush, Mr. P. H. Bridenbaugh; also superintendents Dr. D. A. Souders, J. C. Horning, Treasurer Wise and General Secretary Schaeffer. There were absent: President C. E. Miller, vice-President William C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. G. D. Elliker and Superintendent Whitmer.

In the absence of both the president and the vice-president, Dr. I. C. Fisher was elected president pro tem., and Rev. J. Harvey Mickley was elected recording secretary.

The matter of filling the unexpired term of Dr. Paul S. Leinbach had been deferred till this evening. The Board unanimously elected Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, of Harrisburg. A telegram from Dr. Kremer informed the Board that it was impossible for him to serve in this capacity, since it was impracticable for him to assume any additional duties upon himself. The Board subsequently elected Dr. C. B. Schneder, of Shamokin, who accepted the appointment.

A great deal of business claimed the attention of the Board. The following resignations were accepted: Rev. J. C. Raeser, Johnstown, Pa.; Rev. J. F. Kerlin, Whitewater, Kans.; Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh, Omaha, Neb.; Rev. W. A. Rex, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. J. F. Bair, Greensburg, Pa.; Rev. A. Noll, Montgomery, Pa.; Rev. H. D. Darbaker, Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, Bethany Tabernacle, Philadelphia. The following were commissioned: Rev. J. F. Kerlin for Cheney, Kans.; Rev. Aaron Noll for the Second Church, Scranton, Pa.; Rev. A. H. Groff for Christ Church, Pittsburgh; Rev. E. O. Marks for St. Paul's, Johnstown; Rev. A. P. Schnatz for Iola, Kans.; Rev. E. H. Guinther for Hill Creek, Ill. The Board has been employing the following students during the summer months: Samuel Harwath at Johnstown; Arpad Bakay at Barton and Crescent, Ohio; Alador Tomesanyi at Barberton, Ohio; Louis Birinyi at East Chicago; Andor Harsanyi at Homestead. All these are laboring among our Hungarian Missions. Student F. R. Casselman has been supplying at Abilene, Kans.; Clement Vollmer at Kansas City, and J. R. Rothermel at Scranton and Montgomery, Pa.

Ten missions erected new buildings during the year. There were only three missions enrolled during the year: Second, Scranton; Third, Greensburg, and St. James, Allentown. There was no new mission enrolled at this meeting. None have gone to self-support. St. Louis was closed on July 1, 1913.

The net receipts of the Board for the year in the General Fund were $96,402.57, a gain of $8,168.33 over the previous year. In the Church-building Department, the net receipts were $59,-

921.35, a gain of $21,893.11 over the previous year. The Board went into debt this year to the amount of $1,125.38. It, however, carried over a debt from the previous two years of $13,722, making the present indebtedness of the Board $14,825.60.

The statement of the treasurer showed that 61 per cent. on the apportionment had been paid by the five English Synods. Each of the Synods paid the following percentage on the apportionments: Eastern, 55 per cent.; Potomac, 61 per cent.; Pittsburgh, 76 per cent.; Ohio, 69 per cent.; Interior, 106 per cent. It will be observed that the Interior Synod paid 6 per cent. over its full apportionment.

The Board has 143 missions under its care, comprising a membership of 16,430. The additions last year were 2,522, and the losses, 1,147. There is a Sunday School enrollment of 25,000.

The missions contributed for benevolence, $25,691, for improvements, debts and current expenses, $210,016, for pastor's salaries, $48,259.

A number of the missions are contemplating the erection of new buildings during this coming year. There were requests for loans to the amount of $26,600. The Board was able to grant only one loan of $1,500 additional to the $35,283 already promised, but not yet called for.

The general secretary, Drs. I. C. Fisher and J. Harvey Mickley were appointed a committee to co-operate in the United Missionary Campaign. Elder Brunhouse, General Secretary Schaeffer and Treasurer Wise were appointed to co-operate with General Synod's commission on Church Finance. It was a somewhat difficult matter to fix the appropriations for the missionaries during the new year. In several instances the missions were willing to take substantial reductions; in several others the Board felt constrained to make reductions. In many instances the former appropriation had to be continued and in several the amount had to be increased. The appropriation by the Board for the coming year amounted to between $65,000 and $70,000.

The Board adjourned at a late hour on Wednesday night.

HOME MISSIONS IN CANADA.

G. D. ELLIKER.

IT is some time ago since the readers of the OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS have read reports on the work of our Church in Canada. some may think the missionaries up there have gone to sleep. Such is not the case, but they have been so busy carrying on the work of the Church, that they hardly have found time to write.

The Manitoba Classis had its meeting in July because they have to take advantage of reduced rates on the railroads. For that reason they had their meeting at the same time the industrial exposition was held in Winnipeg, July 9th-13th. Some of the pastors and elders have to come 1,000 miles and more to attend Classis. We were very glad to be with them for one day this year and counsel with them concerning our missions in that large Dominion of Canada.

Nearly the entire Manitoba Classis consists of missions. Two congregations are self-supporting. Zion's congregation, in Winnipeg, with 140 members, went to self-support this year; the other self-supporting congregation is over a thousand miles away, at the other extreme end of Manitoba Classis. It is the Reformed church at Fort Saskatchewan, in Alberta, about 300 miles north of Calgary. Between these two congregations are the nine missions with their twenty-one preaching places.

(1) Salem's Church, Winnipeg, Canada. This mission consists of very enthusiastic workers. I was told that some of the members of this mission even eat dry bread and drink coffee without milk in order to pay their church dues. They *have reduced their church debt more than* $6,000 *in five years,* and are only receiving $600 support at present, and expect to go to self-support in about five years.

(2) Pheasant Forks, Sask., has been without a pastor all winter and spring. They are glad to have a pastor again in the person of Rev. H. Lehmann, a graduate from the Mission House, who took up work there about June 1st, and is gathering the scattered flock. May the

Dewey Avenue Mission, Rochester, N. Y.

Lord bless his labors and grant him much success.

(3) Wolseley, Sask., is a growing little city where our Church started work some time ago. Last year this mission gave cause for fear, but at the present we again have good hopes. This mission is being served by Mr. Buenzli, under the direct supervision of the Executive Committee of Manitoba Classis. Mr. Buenzli is preparing for the ministry. We hope that this mission may again get on its feet, as it is the only German church in that place and has a good future.

(4- Neudorf-Josephsberg, Sask. This mission had the sad misfortune of loosing its parsonage by fire. They are rebuilding it, and we can assure the reader that a loan of a five hundred dollar fund would be highly appreciated by these people. Isn't there some one among the readers who is willing to help them? We would be glad to forward the loan to them if some one is willing to send us such a fund. The mission is making good progress and will go to self-support soon.

(5) The missions in the neighborhood of Maple Creek, Sask., are now divided into two mission stations. This entire country was a few years ago owned by ranchers. The territory about seventy miles north of Maple Creek is commonly called "Happy Land." In this territory we have four preaching places in country school houses. This will be Rev. Bock's field of labor. Rev. Bock is a graduate of the Mission House who volunteered to take up missionary work in Canada. We hope this will prove to be a "happy" field of labor for him.

(6) Maple Creek, Irvine, and Morse and other preaching points will be served by the Superintendent of Missions for that district, Rev. J. Bedenmann. He will also look up new fields and settlements.

(7) Calgary, Alberta. Of this thriving city, behind which rise the snowy peaks of the Rocky Mountains, one can truthfully quote Whittier:

"And city lots are staked for sale
Above old Indian graves.
I hear the tread of pioneers
Of cities yet to be—
The first low wash of waves where soon
Shall roll a human sea."

In a suburb of this city, Ogden, the C. P. R. shops are being completed, where there will be employment for more

than 2,000 men. Rev. Goerrig is our missionary in this city. With his mission there are connected as preaching stations, Beissicker, Didsbury and Castor.

(8) Edmonton, Alberta. In this city we have a thriving mission with some 55 members. They have a small chapel in a good location, but no parsonage. The pastor, Rev. Mugglin, is living at the outer edge of the city in a small board shack. These conditions dare not prevail any longer. The Manitoba Classis petitioned the Board of Church Eerection Fund for a loan of $800 for this mission. If they get this loan the mission itself will make up $800 and build a small six-room cottage next to the chapel for the pastor. Here again is a splendid opportunity for some one to do something with a five hundred dollar fund. May we not hear from some one in our Church who will interest himself in this mission and give the Board the necessary funds to help them build a parsonage?

(9) Stony Plain, Alberta. This is a prosperous mission. About five years ago it was enrolled with 31 members. Now it has 140 members, a fine new church built last year, and good preparations for a parsonage to be erected this summer. The preaching places, Wewasin, Martins and others, are served by the Pastors Mugglin, Birk and Brunnoehler, until the Board will be able to send another man.

The crops in Canada promise to be bountiful. Everybody in trains and hotels is talking of the "bumper crop" they are to get. May the Lord protect the fields from storms and early frosts, and may it be that when this crop is harvested the Church may also reap abundantly.

Let us all help to gather funds and put the Board in shape to take in the great harvest that is waiting for our Church in Canada. Give us your prayers in behalf of this work, send us your liberal contributions. The work is prospering, and "He that reapeth receiveth reward and gathereth fruit unto life eternal that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice!"

THE RESULT OF POOR SYSTEM.

The General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Northwest and Central Synods, in reference to the finances of his Board writes as follows: "I cannot hardly account for the shortage this year, only that we had inclement weather at Easter, when we have our main offering, and then the floods interfered." Here we have another illustration of putting off the gathering of moneys for both Home and Foreign Missions until the last moment. How much the kingdom has suffered, due to the lack of system, in gathering the means for its promotion is impossible to calculate! Let us rejoice in the day of better things! Thousands of Christian men are giving regularly and systematically; hundreds of our congregations are beginning to gather these gifts in a similar way. Congregations that have made the Every-Member Canvass are reporting great things, and surely the Kingdom will be greatly advanced, both at home and abroad. "Again I say rejoice!" J. S. W.

VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

The pictures and material touching on our colored work in the last issue of the Outlook of Missions were apparently very much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Little, in charge of the colored work at Louisville, Ky., writes: "I have never seen our pictures printed more clearly than they appear in the Outlook of Missions. Your work is evidently done by a talented man. It always adds very much to an illustrated article to have the work done by artists."

St. James' Mission, Allentown, Pa.

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OBSERVATIONS OF THE TREASURER.

J. S. WISE.

OWING to the hot July days, even church services are affected by the natural desires for vacations. The result is smaller audiences at the regular services which often is rather discouraging to the pastor in charge. I doubt, however, whether this indicates a lack of interest in things spiritual, or indifference on the part of the faithful and regular attendants. Wherever out-of-door services are held, there you will find the people attending in their usual numbers, and in many instances in increased numbers even though the thermometer registers at 80 or 90 degrees. On the last Sunday of June I had the pleasure of addressing such an out-of-door service held on the lawn adjoining our Mission Church at Wyndmoor, Pa. Not only their regular members attended, but a rather large number of neighbors and friends belonging to other denominations. This mission is conducting all of its Sunday evening services during the summer months in this manner with gratifying results.

Again the desire for out-of-door worship and conference, concerning the welfare of the Kingdom, is fully demonstrated by the number of successful conferences and meetings conducted annually in the mountains and groves all over our land. The Linwood, Ohio, Mission Study Conference has been growing in popularity every year. The one just held, July 7-14, was the largest and best, I am told, of them all. The first thing that impressed me most at this conference was the deep spiritual under-current prominent from the beginning to the end. No one could attend the opening morning meetings, so efficiently conducted by Rev. E. N. Evans, without being inspired and helped to a keener desire for undertaking and rendering a larger service for the Master. Next to this was the real Christian sociability manifested throughout the conference. All the social functions were delightfully controlled by those responsible for the entire program. How each delegation stood loyally for the towns and cities they represented! The yells, the songs, the witticisms of the dining-room will ever be remembered. Each delegation tried to outdo the rest, and they succeeded. Friendships were made for time and for eternity. Last of all, and of course, of most importance, was the earnestness with which this large representatice delegation entered into the real purpose of the conference—the Study of Missions. Every class was well attended, and the results, I am sure, will be more than anticipated. Next to the closing meeting was devoted to hearing short reports from each Mission Study Class. These reports were given by one or more members of the class, and revealed how much real earnest study and time must have been given to the several subjects to bring out such clear and comprehensive reports.

A side trip was taken by forty-four of us to the city of Lorain, where we visited our Hungarian Mission. How we were surprised at the beautiful church and at

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the large day school then in session! Our Hungarian boys and girls are only given one-half of each day for their vacation. Of course, the public schools are closed, but our Hungarian missionaries always use half of the day during the summer teaching the children in their own language. It must be borne in mind that these boys and girls all understand and speak English. They acquire this in the public schools, but in this church school they not only study their own language but receive religious instruction as well.

During this month, I also attended the annual outing of the Superintendents' Association of the Reformed Churches of Reading, Pa. This association holds an annual affair on the top of Mount Penn. They are always largely attended, and excellent addresses are given.

At the thirtieth anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Schaefferstown, Pa., I learned of the work they are accomplishing, and urged the congregation as a whole to take a more active part, not only in their work, but the work of missions in general.

I also had the pleasure this month of visiting Christ Reformed Church, Temple, where I have a peculiar interest, having been superintendent of this Sunday School for several years. It was like coming home, and I enjoyed my brief stay very much.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

The kingdom of God includes all people of the earth and the life of the kingdom seeks to realize itself in international relations. It is necessary therefore that Christian principles be interpreted in terms of international life, no less than in terms of Church and family life, that thereby the moralization of the world may be ensured. In the application of Christian principles to international relations the following action is now required:

1. The recognition of the fact that nations are moral agents, having a moral responsibility, and should hence be guided in their political, national and international relations by the principles of Christian morality.

2. The submission of all questions of international dispute to an international court of arbitration and award, thus making possible the disarmament of all the nations.

3. The acceptance by the nations of the principle that they who are strong should bear the infirmities of weaker peoples, thus rendering the impact of Christian nations upon non-Christian nations helpful and not destructive.

4. The concerted action of all the Christian powers in the suppression of international trade in alcohol, opium, and unclean literature, and all other things that are socially and morally destructive.

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Foreign Missions

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Our Share of the World

WHAT ITS EVANGELIZATION WILL COST THE REFORMED CHURCH IN MEN AND MONEY.

IN round numbers, one billion people in the world are living in non-Christian lands. Their condition is the strongest plea for foreign missions. The responsibility for their evangelization rests upon the Christian Church. Without God we can do nothing. He has opened doors and prepared the way for His Gospel. But He is now waiting for His Church to obey the great commission and finish the task.

RESPONSIBILITY ASSUMED BY DENOMINATIONS.

A committee of the Conference of Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada has been studying the problem through the secretaries of the several denominational societies, assisted by the missionaries on the field. As a result of their careful and prayerful work it is now possible to estimate approximately the number for whom each denomination may reasonably be held responsible.

It is a matter of profound gratitude that the following denominations, our own among them, have taken official action in this matter, and declared themselves responsible for the evangelization of the following numbers in non-Christian countries:

United Presbyterians	15,000,000
Southern Presbyterians	25,000,000
Northern Presbyterians	100,000,000
Northern Baptists	61,000,000
Southern Methodists	40,000,000
Northern Methodists	150,000,000
Congregationalists	75,000,000
Dutch Reformed	13,000,000
Canadian Societies	40,000,000
United Brethren	5,000,000
Foreign Christian Missionary Society	15,000,000
Reformed Church in the United States	10,000,000

OUR RESPONSIBILITY DEFINED.

We have been led by Providence into positions of great strategic importance. In Japan we recognize a large responsibility for the population of the northern provinces of Miyagi, Fukushima, Yamagata, Akita and Niigata, comprising over 5,000,000 souls, besides our older interests in the city of Tokyo and in Saitama Province. We may reasonably hold ourselves responsible for 3,500,000 Japanese. In Hunan, China, situated as we are at Yochow and Shenchowfu, in the midst of a population of over 22,000,000, it is but reasonable to hold ourselves responsible for the evangelization of 3,500,000 Chinese. Of all the needy fields those under the power of Islam now send the loudest call to Christendom. We have reason to believe that the Reformed Church has been historically prepared to deal with the problem of the evangelization of a portion of the Mohammedan world, at least 3,000,000 people.

WHAT FORCES ARE NEEDED?

Our present expenditure in and for Japan amounts to about $73,000 a year. The Board has long been convinced that in order to utilize to advantage the educational and evangelistic plant we now have in that Empire our forces ought to be doubled. But in order that the Gospel might be presented to every man, woman and child of the three or four millions in such a manner that each would have a fair opportunity to believe and be saved, our present expenditure would be multiplied at least four-fold. It is our purpose to depend mainly upon Japanese workers, but largely also upon well-selected American missionaries co-operating with them.

The annual expenditure in China is now about $36,000, but if we are to meet our responsibility to the millions depending upon us for a knowledge of the Gospel, this amount must be ultimately $300,000. The force of American missionaries and native workers must be multiplied many times if we accept the task God has given us.

Moreover, it will be necessary for the present to expend in the United States along the lines of administration, finance and dissemination of information at least ten per cent. of the annual income of the Board.

CAN WE MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY?

Although there has been some increase in our contributions to Foreign Missions from year to year, our average gift is forty-eight cents per member for one year. Our Foreign Mission policy means simply that the average communicant should give the equivalent of one or two days' work in a year. An average of five cents per member a week would suffice. An average offering of $3.00 a year per member as the goal in every church would mean enough money to supply all the needs of our missions for many years to come. Who will say that this is too large a figure, even in the churches of moderate means? And when will the men and women of wealth pour out goodly gifts for this work?

SHALL WE MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY?

How much we will give, of men and of money, depends upon our estimate of the importance of the undertaking. God considered the salvation of the world so important that He gave His own Son. If we believe that the redemption of the world is the thing of first importance for those who bear Christ's name, we will find no difficulty in giving life and means sufficient to accomplish the work He nas appointed us to do. The 10,000,000 must be evangelized by us or they may never be evangelized—for in a brief generation they will be gone forever. Shall we meet our responsibility?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

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Systematic Missionary Education.

The Appointment of a Missionary Committee in your Congregation.

An Every-Member Canvass for Missions.

The Weekly Offering for Missions.

THE BOY AND HIS WATCH.

"That is all," is the title of a story of a boy whose watch got out of order. At the suggestion of a friend, he had a jeweler examine it, who discovered a small grain of sand in it. The jeweler, an old man and earnest Christian, who every Sunday closed his shop and went to church, by way of application told the boys that a small sin entering into the heart would likewise cause trouble. In such a case they were to take their hearts at once to Christ for renewal. Most people would say of such a small sin: "That is all," but yet the little sin would prevent them from leading lives pleasing to God. The jeweler, learning that the boys attended Sunday School, urged them to be regular in their attendance.

A FRIEND IN TIME OF NEED.

Here is an interesting piece of information concerning the student days of Captain Gumpei Yamamuro, of the Japanese Salvation Army. While studying at the Doshisha (Congregationalist College in Kyoto), young Yamamuro was so poor that he was finally unable to pay his tuition and board. But he firmly believed that God would supply his need, and, wonderful to relate, an upper classman secretly paid his tuition and board for him so that he was able to graduate. When he had finished his course, his secret friend made himself known. He proved to be himself a poor young man. Every morning this friend used to start out early delivering milk before school commenced. On one occasion he was so faint from lack of food that he actually fell over by the wayside. Noting a dead cat lying under a tree, he skinned and ate it! Upon hearing this Yamamuro, who is now a prominent and efficient Christian worker, decided that he, too, had to bear the painful cross for Christ's sake.

Miss Gertrude B. Hoy.

TOUCHING FAREWELL SERVICE.

The beautiful St. John's Church, at Allentown, Pa., was the scene of a very impressive service on Sunday evening, July 27th. The occasion was a touching farewell to Miss Hoy, missionary-elect to China. Many pastors were present. Earnest workers came from distant cities to join in the service. The choir music was most excellent. All the addresses breathed a fervor that is born of a love for souls. Rev. F. C. Seitz, the pastor, lent his best influence to make the service one of great spiritual blessing to all who were in attendance. May heaven's favor be upon all who made possible the occasion.

If any members of our Church desire to join the Circle of Friends who support Miss Hoy by their prayers and gifts, we suggest they write to Mrs. David A. Miller, 2221 Chew street, Allentown, Pa.

O Lord, we reap, and toiling, pray
That Thou wouldst forth more laborers send;
Our strength is ebbing with the day,
While feebly to our task we bend.

Dr. William E. Hoy.

HER AMBITION AS A CHILD.

"As a mere child it was always my ambition to become a foreign missionary, and when I was twelve years old that desire became a resolve, if God would spare my life. At that time we were leaving China for America, and as we, the children, took leave of our Chinese playmates, they said to me: 'Oh, we don't want you to go away—we shall miss you so. Promise us that when you are big you will come back and teach us the good things you have learned.' Ever since that time, their plea has remained strongly with me, and because I believe that, through the grace of Christ, I have learned those 'good things' which they desired and need, it is my hope that I may be found worthy to take it to them."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

In his address at the farewell service to Miss Gertrude B. Hoy in St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa., on Sunday evening, July 28th, the secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions gave utterance to three thoughts that deserve wider publicity. He said:

"Three special thoughts project themselves before my mind's vision as I speak to you, and with these briefly told, I will close.

"The first is, that in this city we have a pastor and people who have caught the world vision. That St. John's Church provides the support of a missionary in Japan. That in this congregation, there are members whose souls are so aflame with love for souls that they have been devising liberal things, making possible this service in honor of one of the Lord's servants. Let me assure you that a Church with such a passion will grow and prosper more and more unto the perfect day.

"The second thought is, that we have a mother, who has spent more than twenty-five years on the foreign fields in Japan and China, eager to have her child go into the same work, face the same trials, and endure the same hardships. That we have a father, who has been away from all the members of his family for three years, tasting the very dregs

of a sacrificial surrender to the heathen, willing that the Board of Foreign Missions shall send his daughter to engage in the same service, so that when the parents pass to their eternal reward, the work, if it pleases God, may still go on in China.

"The third thought is, that here is a young life, well-qualified to do more than earn a living in the homeland, born in Japan at a time when it was still very unpatriotic to name the name of Jesus, old enough in China to see all the isolation, deprivation and discomfort of a missionary's life, and for eight years enjoying all the benefits of American civilization, now ready, willing, anxious to go and join her parents in all their untold sacrifices, and spend and be spent that by all means she might save some souls for heaven.

And as we think of these three things, what manner of persons ought we to be? If we are unwilling to do what the Lord expects of us, then let us, at least, recognize the fact that these servants of God have given their lives for the good of the people among whom they labor, and that they find joy in their work. Let us, at least, appreciate the fact that they gladly suffer countless discomforts and walk amid loathsome diseases, in order that the Kingdom of God may come into those forsaken lands. Let us, at least, sympathize with them as they bear reproach and shame, hunger and inconvenience for the sake of their Lord and Master.

And to you, my young sister, who art going out to "the far-flung battle line" to proclaim liberty to the captives in sin, let me speak this word of comfort and cheer:

"Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways, balking the end half won for an instant dole of praise. Stand to your work and be wise, certain of sword and pen, who are neither children nor gods, but men in a world of men."

"FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAIN."

The author of this great missionary hymn was Reginald Heber. He was a man of genius and of heroic Christian devotion. His poetic soul was on fire with the spirit of Missions. A royal letter was issued in England in 1819, asking for a missionary offering on Whitsunday in aid of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel." About this time, Heber was on a visit to his father-in-law, Dean Shirley, at Wrexham, who requested him to write something for them to sing at the morning service. The poet withdrew to a corner of the room, sat down at the window, and in a short time produced the first three stanzas of this great missionary hymn. He was not satisfied until he had composed the fourth stanza, "Waft, waft ye winds his story." Four years later this same noted hymn writer was on his way to India as a bishop to heed the call of his Church, and to spread abroad the honors of his Saviour. One feels the spirit of the man in every line of this hymn, and it is no surprise that he should go and labor in the lands of which he sang so well.

During my visit to Ceylon three years ago, I conversed with a judge on the train to Kandy, the place of the Famous Temple of the Golden Tooth and Tropical Peridinia Gardens. I told him that during my stay in India and Ceylon, the words of the old missionary hymn kept ringing in my ears. I said, how true the lines:

"What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle:
Though every prospect pleases,"

but he quickly cut short the quotation by telling me, "I hope you do not believe,

"And only man is vile."

"No," I replied, "of the people I met in your beautiful Ceylon, I could not say that 'man is vile.'"

Grand as is this old hymn, and sacred as it ever will be to our hearts, it does not seem to fully express the spirit of the age in which we live. If you will examine the hymn, you will find that it embraces only a certain portion of the world: Greenland, India, Africa and Ceylon. There is no reference in it to the untold millions in China, Korea and Japan. It is only fair to Bishop Heber to say that at the time the hymn was written, little was known of those vast stretches

of heathenism. Thanks to the missionary enterprise of the present day, there are now no "unknown land" in all the world!

What a different spirit pervades the modern hymn, written in 1869, by Dr. Samuel Wolcott, an American writer:

"Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal."

American thought is expansive. It readily takes in the ideas of world evangelization. To America belongs the credit of giving to the Church of Christ the inspiring motto and, if she will be faithful to her trust, the honor will be hers of making it effective, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation."

"Christ for the world!" What better inscription can the Christians in our day and of our land inscribe on their royal banner.

WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND.

In writing of the greatest Sunday School convention ever held, Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins refers to the adoption of a policy for the Sunday School work everywhere. This policy calls for a very definite aggressive forward movement along the lines of Missions. Anyone who has examined into the old methods of Sunday School work knows how barren they have been of the spirit of world-wide missions. Financially, many Sunday Schools do little more than help to keep up the current expenses of the local congregation. They may, now and then, respond to an occasional appeal from a home missionary, or make a grant of five dollars for Foreign Missions. With them there has been no systematic plan to instruct and enthuse. All this will be changed if the plans of the Zurich Convention carry any influence. The fallow ground is to be dug up, the proper fertilization is to be used, and the soil made rich for giving by the millions of boys and girls, men and women, who compose the Sunday School army. Dr. Tomkins says:

"A splendid vision was held up: The cries of the children—millions of them—from all over the earth were heard and the determination was made to go to their rescue in the Master's name.

"The six commissions, who gathered statistics from all over the world, were a

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feature of this gathering. Never before has such a work been done. We have now, in fairly accurate statement, the knowledge as to the children in all lands, their needs, their hopes, their sufferings. It is at once inspiring and heart-breaking, but it opens the door for Christian service. 'Save the children' is the cry going up and out from Zurich.

"Missionary work among children has been emphasized. Too many of our missionary boards neglect this side of the work or make it secondary. The convention held in Zurich has sent a printed message to them all, and it ought to be printed in all our religious papers as well as in daily papers that give place to religious news.

"Europe has been aroused to the importance of united Sunday School effort. We believe that, as a result of our convention many national Sunday School associations will be formed in Europe as they have already been formed in India, China and Japan.

"Generosity has been excited. One hundred and twenty thousand dollars was subscribed in Zurich for the work of the next three years.

"Above all, there has come to every one of the delegates, who now separate and go their several ways, a new impulse to do better work in their own schools and to interest the children in missionary work for other children in neglected or heathen lands. Surely the Zurich convention has not been held in vain. Thank God for it!"

OFF TO CHINA.

Three small words! What do they mean to you? They will mean, oh, so much, to a mother and child, sailing from New York City on July 18th at 10 A. M. on the steamship "New York" for Southampton. It was with deep emotion that Mrs. Bartholomew and I bade farewell to Mrs. Lewis R. Thompson and two-year-old son, and saw them off on the boat. The thought of the long and tedious journey from New York to Shanghai, took hold of my soul, for the sense of loneliness must often come over them before they reach their destination. These dear friends are on their way to a distant country; they do not know the trials that await them. Going into inland China is going down into the depths of isolations, discomforts and inconveniences. The joy of it all is that they go not in their own strength, but in the strength of Him who has promised, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be."

Dr. Lewis R. Thompson, the newly-elected medical missionary to China, has spent two months in London in special preparation for his important work at the Shenchowfu station. He will meet Mrs. Thompson at Southampton, and leave on the steamship "Prinz Ludwig" on July 29th for Shanghai, where they are due about September 7th. The best wishes of many friends will follow them.

A MEETING WITH DR. ZWEMER.

Last summer at Karuizawa, Japan, at one of the five o'clock Sunday vesper services, the missionary community heard a very interesting account of missionary work among the Arabs in general and on the island of Bahrein in the Persian Gulf in particular from a medical missionary to the Mohammedans. The speaker was Dr. G. Stanley Mylrae, a former colleague of Dr. Zwemer. So popular was this talk that Dr. Mylrae was asked to give another and to afford an opportunity to ask questions. After the talks I availed myself of the chance to inquire about Dr. Zwemer. He was then in the United States, I think, but was expected to return soon to the mission field and take up work in Cairo, Egypt.

During our stay in Cairo before sailing from Port Said for Jaffa, on the morning of March 1st, as I was returning to my hotel from the office of Thomas Cook & Son, my route led me pass the American Mission. Ever since our arrival in Cairo, I had been hoping for an opportunity to meet Dr. Zwemer, but did not know how to accomplish this. That morning, as I passed the American Mission, I saw three men standing at the curb just about to enter a carriage. Something prompted me to ask the eldest and tallest if he could tell me where I could meet Dr. Zwemer. To my surprise, he

informed me that he was the man. Upon my introducing myself, as he was in a hurry, he took me into the carriage with himself and the two young men, also missionaries, and we were driven to the Church Missionary Society compound, where Dr. Zwemer lectured for an hour on Islam to a group of assembled missionaries of all denominations. Among them was the Rev. W. H. Gairdner, himself quite an authority on things Mohammedan.

To a missionary from Japan, one of the most difficult mission fields, it was something of a revelation to hear of the even greater difficulties in work among the Mohammedans.

After the lecture, I returned with Dr. Zwemer in the carriage. On our way, the horse slipped and fell on the asphalt street, not far from the American Mission and my hotel. Quick as a flash, Dr. Zwemer was out of the carriage and helping to unbuckle the harness and get the horse up. At the door of the American Mission, we separated. I should have liked to have had more of an opportunity to inquire into his missionary work and methods, but I had seen him as a missionary in action, alert and resourceful, and that will remain with me as an enduring impression of the man.

William G. Seiple.

GREAT JUBILEE EVENT.

The Board of Foreign Missions is planning for a worthy observance of the 75th anniversary of its organization in the First Reformed Church, at Lancaster, Pa., beginning on Monday evening, September 29th, with an all-day session on Tuesday, and closing with a great service in the evening. Representatives of many denominational Boards will be invited and men of national reputation will deliver addresses. All who are deeply interested will attend.

That men of vision proposed to the Synod at Lancaster, in 1838, the formation of a Foreign Board and pledged their financial support for a missionary to the non-Christian world deserves recognition by the present generation.

Those who have the arranging of the program will do all within their power to make the celebration the great outstanding event in this Jubilee Year.

Do not fail to join in the jubilation.

THEY SEND, WHY NOT WE?

There are few Boards of Foreign Missions that are not sending forth recruits to the foreign fields. One of the largest number, one hundred and four, are being sent out this year by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. China receives thirty-two; India, fourteen; Japan and Korea, two each; Brazil and Guatemala, one each; Mexico, four; Persia, five; the Philippines, Siam and Laos, two each, and Syria, five. In some cases the final destination of the missionary has not yet been determined.

We thank God that the Presbyterian Board can find men and women, able and willing to go, and that there is a constituency back of the Board, able and willing to support.

They send, why not we? This year, we are sending Dr. Lewis R. Thompson to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. William Kelly, but Miss Gertrude B. Hoy is our only new recruit. How long, O Lord, how long!

NEW DAY FOR WOMEN IN JAPAN.

"The present period in Japan is one of great unrest of mind among earnest young men and women. Few are satisfied with things as they are materially, intellectually, and spiritually. There is a longing for something undefined. The teachings of the old religions have lost their sway over the educated younger generation, and while, in political and material things, great progress has been made by our nation, the deeper matters of the spirit, questions of life, and its problems remain to be answered for the majority. Recent years have seen great advance made in many lines, especially for our women. The old acceptance of things as they are is gone. Women are pushing ahead, demanding new freedom and privileges, unheard of and undream-

ed of in the past. Now is a time of awakening for them in every way as it was twenty-five years ago for men."—MISS UME TSUDA.

THE SPIRIT OF THE TALISMAN.

The bigger the work the greater the joy in doing it. That whole-hearted striving and wrestling with Difficulty, the laying hold with firm grip and level head and calm resolution of the monster, and tugging, and toiling, and wrestling at it, to-day, to-morrow, and the next until it is done; it is the soldiers' creed of forward, ever forward—it is the man's faith that for this task was he born. Don't think of the morrow's task, but what you have to do to-day, and go at it. When it is over, rest tranquilly, and sleep well.—HENRY M. STANLEY.

Missionary Topic

JOHN H. POORMAN

MISSIONARY ESSENTIALS AT HOME AND ABROAD. II. PRAYER.

Eph. 6: 10-20.

"Whoever prays most, helps most."

McCheyne, the great Scotch preacher, said: "I ought to spend the best hours of every day in communion with God. It is my noblest and most fruitful employment, and is not, therefore, to be thrust into any corner."

J. Campbell White, the peerless leader of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, is quoted as saying: "Every missionary who is sent out should have the prayer-backing of fifty or more."

THE CONTENT OF TRUE PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Warneck, the great missionary statesman of Germany, wrote: "As far as I can see there are five principal points to be included in the content of prayer for missions:

1. Missionary Workers. Missionaries proper, native assistants and leaders of the missionary enterprise who maintain zeal in the homeland. There is a two-fold petition for all these: The prayer for workers, and actual intercession on behalf of the workers. Witness Luke 6: 12; Matthew 9: 38; Acts 1: 24; Acts 13: 2; Col. 4: 3; 2 Cor. 6: 3 ff; Romans 15: 31; John 17: 11, 15.
2. Converts. John 17: 24; Eph. 1: 16 ff; Eph. 3: 6 ff.
3. "Kings, and for all that are in authority." 1 Tim. 2: 2, 4.
4. The opponents of missions. Romans 15: 30.
5. Thanksgiving. Phil. 4: 6; Ps. 50: 23; Romans 1: 8; Eph. 1: 15 f; 3: 1, 14 ff.

INCIDENTS.

Peter Gossner, who sent out 144 missionaries, is spoken of as follows: "He prayed up the walls of a hospital and the hearts of the nurses; he prayed mission stations into being and missionaries into faith; he prayed open the hearts of the rich, and gold from the most distant lands."

Adoniram Judson, whose centenary we celebrate this year, gave the following testimony at the end of his long life: "I never was deeply interested in any object, I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything, but it came at some time—no matter how distant the day, somehow, in some shape, probably the last I should have devised—it came!"

"We give thanks to God always for you all, . . . remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope."

SUGGESTION.

The leader should encourage the use of a Prayer Cycle by the members. "A Cycle of Prayer for the World," illustrated with maps, is sold at ten cents per copy. Two excellent programs on the theme "Prayer and Missions" are found in "The King's Business" on pages 197, 198, as well as an excellent list of reference books on the same theme, found on pages 252, 253.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

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CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE WOMAN'S EVANGEL.

We congratulate our enterprising exchange, *The Woman's Evangel,* on the Board Meeting number. This periodical holds a unique place among missionary magazines. First, it is the only missionary publication of the United Brethren Church; it is edited and published by a woman, capable and winsome Mrs. Mary R. Albert. Second, it does the most extraordinary thing of not only maintaining itself, which includes the editor's salary of $800, and postage and printing to the amount of $2,581, but has the handsome balance of $1,292!

Other interesting facts are that it is thirty-one years old and has 11,000 subscribers—a net gain of 1,700 over last year. The editor and publisher in her annual report gives credit to this splendid increase to the faithfulness and ceaseless efforts of the effective network of literature secretaries and committees throughout the organization. We have not failed to note the plausible plans and inspiring leadership of the editor's pen. Intelligent, consecrated leadership with loyal, enthusiastic following—co-operation—can do wonders anywhere!

Four years ago 6,500 subscribers were reported, with an aim of 9,000. This aim was far surpassed and *The Evangel* has averaged a gain of more than 1,000 per year. This only shows what aim and enterprise can do. We not only predict a realization of the 16,000 goal to be reached four years hence, but a growing enlistment of women to help spread the gospel. A reading people will be full of knowledge and good works. Perhaps we should not alone congratulate *The Woman's Evangel,* but the United Brethren for developing such "United Sisters."

F. C. E.

FEMALE EDUCATION SOCIETIES.

(We are greatly indebted to Rev. Clayton H. Ranck for the information contained in this letter, which we take the liberty of publishing just as received, thanking him for his interest in our woman's work.—R. S. D.)

JULY 3, 1913.

MY DEAR MRS. DOTTERER:

While at work on the early history of Beneficiary Education in our Church, I came upon a very interesting fact, at least to me, which seems to have been overlooked to a large extent. I shall quote from my MS. in the course of preparation for *The Reformed Church Review.*

"To those who are interested in and familiar with the most excellent work done by the Ladies' Missionary Societies of our own and of other denominations during the past generation, it will be a matter of no little interest to note that this work of Beneficiary Education was fostered during its early years chiefly by the ladies, through organizations known as "Female Education Societies," a name that would suggest the education of women to our generation. Gifts are on record from Female Societies in Chambersburg, Emittsburg, York, Frederick, Mercersburg, Easton and Pittsburgh. The Chambersburg society seems to have done the largest work and is credited with gifts amounting to more than $500 between the years of 1839 and 1850. Gifts from congregations and charges without naming the society if such existed, are recorded at about the same time, from Easton, Lebanon, Reading, Perry County and St. Thomas, but in some of these instances the organization is called simply "the Society" which may or may not mean a Female Education Society, giv-

ing us another parallel with some modern congregational missionary work. The Easton congregation is credited with having given $230.00 between the years of 1846 and 1850."

Sincerely,
CLAYTON H. RANCK.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOURTH, DAYTON.

One of the joys of the years spent in service at Fourth Church, Dayton, was the organization and development of a Woman's Missionary Society. At the time the pastorate of her husband opened, the writer was president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Miami Classis. It seemed quite inconsistent to direct work at large and have nothing at home, so out of many prayers and plans a new society was born.

The last meeting witnessed a great change from the initial ones. There was a time when the writer felt like she was *the Society,* but time and direction to the work, with a view to developing workers has brought about the change. A new capable president has been in training with a fine corps of helpers to efficiently carry forward their respective departments. The whole machinery moves forward without a word or an act on the part of the one who once carried it all. What joy it was to be a silent witness of activity on the part of some who never thought they could "do things." May God bless and prosper you, dear women, as we part to serve in another part of the vineyard. The work is all one, God wants larger service from us both; so we part, not like ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing, a look, a voice, a touch; then darkness, then silence. "No," we are all one in Christ whose we are and whom we serve,—hope to meet each other again in the bonds of the Woman's Missionary Society.

F. C. E.

The ultimate purpose of God is life—more abundant, varied, exultant, triumphant life.—JENKYN LLOYD-JONES.

COMMENT.

The article with the heading, "Our Part in Federated Councils," by Mrs. Krammes, printed in the July issue, was held for lack of space. Please read carefully the article again, and consider the suggestions at your Classical meetings in the fall. Where none are held, presidents can present the matter at the spring meetings so that they may be prepared for any discussion on the subject at our coming triennial convention. R. S. D.

CLASSICAL REPORTS AGAIN.

In the April number of our magazine we stated that a list of questions, to be filled out, was sent to each Classical President with the request for its prompt return. Most of these blanks came in slowly,—so slowly indeed, that they have been withheld until this issue, and you will notice that some reports are very meagre indeed, and that many, as yet, have not been returned. We remember that some annual meetings are not held until fall.

The Executive Committee of the General Society, which met a year ago at Linwood, Ohio, left the matter in the hands of the editors and we decided on this plan.

The reports are arranged in tabulated form, which will give for reference the facts that we need.

It is to be regretted that on account of the valuable space required, no reports of a general character have been published and we ask the indulgence of the writers who sent in full reports of meetings.

A table of statistics is dry reading, compared with full accounts of an inspiring convention, but as there are 37 Classical Societies, we will all agree that the time has come to condense rather than to amplify; there is a similarity in reports of this kind and the program and addresses may be very interesting and forceful, and yet be of local interest only.

We still desire to publish accounts of the District Synodical Conventions, which will summarize the Classical work.*

(*We are rejoiced to note that there are three "Front Line Societies.")

As to the Classical Directory,—very few names of change of officers have been sent to the writer, and it does not seem to warrant the large expense involved in reprinting the whole list, so something will be done, in the September issue, with the names returned. The editors feel that perhaps the printing once a year of the names of officers of the General Society, and those of the District Synodical Societies, will suffice. With the new secretaries of departments, a list of these and all officers of Classical Societies, will be quite too lengthy; we suggest, if any are printed, to give only the names of presidents and corresponding secretaries of Classical Societies, as all information can be gotten from that source. We invite any comments on this thought and hope to hear promptly the opinions of the Classical presidents.

R. S. D.

LARGER, DEFINED SERVICE.

Two questions have been addressed to a scattered few of our societies locally—What is the best thing you did last year? and What is the best plan you are making for next year? The answers to them have been published in our department for several issues. According to their own word, this symposium has made the women think. When we come face to face with the fact—what *one definite thing* have we done aside from the regular routine of skeleton organization work it has surprised us how little initiative and originality goes into our schedules. First, yes, the program handed down by the higher bodies, but does not this very standard making go back to the individual woman after all? Our woman's work needs more girls and women with clever, thoughful brains—we have many of them but they are not giving the *first* fruits of heart and mind to the Woman's Missionary Society like their literary and social interests. We must be balanced in our threefold nature, but let our Reformed sisters put God and His kingdom *unqualifiedly* first. What we could do, women! We are small, because we will it to be. Divine possibilities are wrapped up in many of our bright attractive women blessed with health and means by which to spread the gosepel. Let us win them and enlarge our powers.

THE FREMONT, OHIO, SOCIETY.

"The best thing we did this year?" Why, deferred to the higher bodies, namely, set the standard of excellence as our goal. Have we reached it? No, but we are striving, and in the striving we are happy.

Striving means physical, mental and spiritual exertion needful for the welfare and development of our threefold being. We are a better society for the striving.

Every year we claim victory over numbers *one* and ten.

This year we have reached numbers two, three, four, eight and nine.

We are almost in sight of *five, six* and *seven* and hope to reach them ere the close of the year.

In soliciting new members we are happy to say we lose sight of the goal and seek to win for the personal blessing sure to be the new member's portion.

One good thing we do every year is sending to Classical meetings at least one new delegate—she to be initiated into the mysteries of Classical work, coming in touch with the best workers in the Classical vineyard, broadening the view, enlisting deeper sympathies, filled with new ideas, overflowing with enthusiasm when homeward bound, eager to vent her pent-up energies upon the nongoer with the exclamation, "You should have been there!"

"The best thing we have planned for next year?" To press *onward*. The goal having been reached, there is then a standard to be maintained. New responsibilities as well as new possibilities are ours. A larger force to depend upon, to plan for, to pray with—each forward step, each smallest advance means a new wave of influence set in motion that extends and widens to the eternal shore.

BETH.

Helps for the Topic

By Gertrude M. Cogan

THE PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER.

"High Point, N. C."

Devotional service.

A missionary's escape, Daniel 6: 10-27.

"The Missions at High Point." (Article in this issue.)

Letter from the wife of a home missionary. (Procure free from Mrs. C. H. Nadig, Allentown, Pa.)

Discussion:

1. The importance of church extension in the South.

2. The South ahead in the temperance movement.

3. Southern born men who have influenced our nation for righteousness.

Prayer: For the orphans and the disabled and aged ministers. For all our pastors and workers in the South. For the whole South, its problems and opportunities.

Closing exercises.

THE MISSIONS AT HIGH POINT, N. C.

HIGH POINT is one of the most enterprising cities on the main line of the Southern Railway. Twenty years ago it was a small village, to-day it is a growing manufacturing city of 13,000 population. The main industry is the furniture business.

High Point, N. C.

Last year more furniture was manufactured in High Point than in Grand Rapids. There are silk mills, hosiery mills, foundries, glass factories, and shops where street cars are built, in all seventy-two plants have settled down in High Point.

All this industry is bringing an increasing population. At present there are thirteen churches, one for each one thousand of the population. But there is not one church in the city that could with its present equipment, accommodate a thousand members. If all the people undertook to go to church at the same time the churches could not accommodate more than one-fourth of them.

High Point is a beautiful city, elevated and with a dry, healthful climate. The streets are wide, shaded and well paved. Remember that this is a prohibition city in a prohibition State, and taxes that otherwise would have to pay for police and criminal court costs, are used to make the city healthful and beautiful. If you are in doubt as to the benefits of prohibition, come to High Point.

By all means come to High Point. Not alone to see this fair saloonless city, but to behold what an opportunity the Reformed Church has here to build homes and altars for Jesus Christ. Come here to live? Why not. There's room for you. The trees in the surrounding groves are being cut down and homes built, farms are being divided up into building lots, and street car lines extended. The air and sunshine are free to all and carry gifts of healing from the blue, blue sky that bends so kindly over us the year around. North Carolina is, you know, "The land of the sky, and the long leaf pine."

Yes; welcome Reformed Church comrades; come and settle down among us. Come and see the work of your two Mission Churches in High Point; cast your lot with us in making this field blossom and bear the fruit of righteousness among this people.

Who are the people to whom we minister? Young people and families who have come here from Reformed and

other church centers in other parts of the State. These, of course, we expect to make the bone and sinew of the churches here. Then we have an immense evangelistic work to do among the growing number of people in the factory districts who never have been connected with any church. This is our real missionary task. Many of these people are ignorant of the word of God. Their outlook on life is narrow and their ideas of death are crude and superstitious. They are poor; many families are supported on a wage of $1.25 a day, and some on less. Large families live in tiny two and three-roomed cabins. We are, with God's help, bringing these children into our Sunday Schools, and the parents, too. They are uniting with the Church. At stated intervals we hold meetings every night for one or two weeks. We preach Jesus Christ and His Atoning Blood for the remission of sins. No people could be more attentive or appreciative than these kind-hearted people are, and we preach to unprejudiced minds, as well as kind hearts. Those who are led through these meetings to desire the Christian life are then instructed in the Heidelberg Catechism. This also must be done in a way adapted to the needs, on account of the number of persons unable to read.

During the week we do pastoral work from house to house and whenever we see a group of children in the streets. We have mid-week prayer service at both churches, and the people attend well.

First Church is located in the heart of the town. The congregation is active and growing; having outgrown their old building, they have now a beautiful new house of worship. The Sunday School is modern in organization, there is a Woman's Missionary Society, and the laymen are active in their way. Rev. Lee A. Peeler is pastor.

Second Church, only a few years old, grew out of a Sunday School held on the edge of town where many factory people were building their little homes, and where there is growing up an increasing population with no other church to minister to them. In this little brick church many a man has found his Saviour. Families have been made happier by uniting their hearts in the new relationship around the altar of Jesus Christ. Men enslaved by habit have found a Friend who helps their souls to overcome the evil one. We have not been able to keep all the precious lives with us who have joined our church here. Some have been called to the home beyond, and many move away to the factory towns. But our prayers and love go with them. We trust that they will follow Christ whereever they are. There is a Woman's Missionary Society in Second Church and a Sunday School doing good work. Much more could be done if there was a deaconess in the field to help or if the pastor, who has two congregations, could have this one only and give all his time to it. Rev. C. C. Wagoner is pastor of Second Church.

We feel that the work in High Point is a divinely important work. The two churches touch entirely different fields, neither one overlapping the other, and both doing a great work. We ask your prayers. The Home Mission Board is helping us. We need that help. As said before, many of our people depend entirely upon day's labor at a small wage. Nearly every family is a large family depending upon the labor of one man, and this admits of not much financial help for the church even though the spirit is willing, and a tenth is given.

North Carolina is sometimes called "The Children's Paradise," and so it is. It is a land of homes and children. You cannot find in all America a truer, healthier domestic life than down here where the purest Anglo-Saxons are.

Here is an opportunity to implant the principles of Jesus Christ in the life of a people, who will uphold these principles in our government, when non-Christian forces from foreign districts in Northern and Western States threaten to shake the Christian foundation upon which our nation was built. Other home mission fields are important, but we consider the field in the South the most strategic point in saving this nation to Christ.

THE HUNTINGDON, IND., GROUP, LINWOOD CONFERENCE.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

GERTRUDE M. COGAN.

Two very important meetings were held in June. First the Woman's Missionary Conference of Virginia Classis, Harrisonburg, Va., the first ever held in this Classis. Mrs. Harris was present and inspired the women with her zeal. Rev. James B. Stonesifer and Rev. J. Silor Garrison will never be forgotten for their kindness and valuable help. Upon unanimous consent a Classical Society was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Carrie Moore Switzer Davis, of Harrisonburg; vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Barley, Woodstock; recording secretary, Mrs. L. N. Wilson, Tom's Brook; corresponding secretary, Miss Lou Ellen Seibert, Martinsburg, W. Va.; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Wise, Mt. Crawford, R. F. D. Secretaries of Departments are: Literature, Miss Stella Rinker, Woodstock; Thank Offerings, Mrs. E. X. Miller, Bridgewater; Young People's Work, Miss Belle Rutz, Tom's Brook; Life and Memorial Members, Mrs. Harry Potterfield, Lovettsville. The meeting was full of enthusiasm, every one present taking some part in the discussion or otherwise. All were very happy over this first meeting and look forward to good work in the future.

The women of Indiana Classis met on June 24th in Immanuel's Church, Indianapolis, and held a very earnest session, giving reports and discussing forward movements. It was voted to join in the General Society work and a delegate was elected to attend the meeting at York, Pa., next May. Mrs. E. Somerlatte, of Terre Haute, was re-elected president; Mrs. Kortepeter, of Immanuel Church, Indianapolis, vice-president; Mrs. Sophia Heinmiller, of Lafayette, secretary, and Mrs. Mary Ahlmeir, of Poland, treasurer. The ladies of this meeting were made very welcome by Rev. W. H. Knierim, pastor, and the ladies of his congregation.

The Field Secretary has a call to organize Kentucky Classis and has been invited to visit congregations in West New York Classis and St. John's Classis during the fall.

It is a principle of war that when you can use the thunderbolt, you prefer it to the cannon. Earnestness is the thunderbolt.—NAPOLEON.

Young People's Work

WILHELMINA B. LENTZ, SECRETARY
CHALFONTE, PA.

According to my promise, I will publish the names of societies who sent pledges for kindergarten work during June.

The third to be heard from is the Christian Endeavor Society of First Reformed Church, Bluffton, Ind., who pledge one share and the Y. W. M. S. of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown, Pa., who pledge two shares is the fourth.

Are there not more Christian Endeavor and other young people's societies who are willing to help in the kindergarten work? There is money lying idle in many a treasury that could be used to great advantage and that is needed in the kindergarten work.

Any organization that does not know of this new work or our plan for raising the money can learn of it by addressing the secretary.

Let July and August bring many pledges to be reported in the September OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS. Do not put off sending your pledges; remember you have until April 1, 1914, to make payment.

"Do something! Do it now! The work which lies
Close to your hand this moment is the best—
His choice for you—the choice that must be wise;
Then do your duty now, forget the rest."

Do You Know

That in our Japan Mission there are 37 organized churches and 43 other preaching places, with a membership of, at least, 3,000; in our China Mission, there are 3 organized churches and 9 other preaching places, with a membership of about 125?

Do You Know

That the property of our Japan Mission is valued at $188,850, and of our China Mission at $93,897. Total, $282,747.

AROUND THE CORNER.

Just around the corner there is music soft and sweet,
The sunbeams on a holiday go dancing down the street.
You see a path where blossoms bend to greet you on your way
Through the misty lanes of April to the splendors of the May.
Though the sullen shadows linger you sing a little song
While you're trudging on your journey, which will not be very long;
Just around the corner skies are smiling warm and blue—
The corner of Contentment street and Lazy avenue.

There the butterflies are neighbors and honey bees are friends,
And the wind is sighing comfort where the weeping willow bends.
The clumsy tortoise plods along, nor cares where he may roam.
And when he's scared, or weary, shuts his shell and calls it home.
The grasses wave in billows like the flowing of the sea,
And the birds are busy nesting 'way up yonder in the tree;
They are just around the corner, 'mongst the perfumes and the dew,
The corner of Contentment street and Lazy avenue.

—*Washington Star.*

Thank Offering Boxes

ANNIE M. BLESSING, SECRETARY
HELLAM, PA.

The following is the Thank Offering as reported to the Secretary of the Department:

Eastern Synod.

W. M. S., Lancaster Classis...	$97.74
W. M. S., Philadelphia Classis.	212.86
W. M. S., Lebanon Classis....	98.92
W. M. S., Goshenhoppen Classis	86.61
W. M. S., Reading Classis....	31.20
W. M. S., Lehigh Classis.....	738.02
W. M. S., E. Penn. Classis....	99.12
W. M. S., Schuylkill Classis...	23.90
Total	$1,388.37

Ohio Synod.

W. M. S., Tuscarawas Classis	$118.52
W. M. S., Tiffin Classis	255.50
W. M. S., Lancaster Classis	175.15
Total	$549.17

Pittsburgh Synod.

W. M. S., Allegheny Classis	$108.08
W. M. S., St. Paul's Classis	64.70
W. M. S., Clarion Classis	110.62
Total	$283.40

Potomac Synod.

W. M. S., Zion's Classis	$110.19
Grand total	$2,331.13

The above report shows a very encouraging Thank Offering for the second year of the tri-ennium and we are very thankful for it. However, is it the best we can do? When we consider that there are ten thousand or more Thank Offering Boxes out, the offering is very small.

An average of about twenty-three cents for each box. At a cent a day or say, a week, is it possible that we have received so few blessings for which to show our gratitude?

Surely we can do better. "Ask and ye shall receive," are the words of the blessed Master, and we do not hesitate to ask, but we are so likely to forget to show our gratitude for the blessings he so richly and abundantly pours upon us.

Let us give more generously, and make our Thank Offering a more liberal one for this last year of the tri-ennium. Let us aim to have the Thank Offering for this year $5,000. Let us all try real earnestly to reach that goal.

There are some Classical Secretaries who failed to get their report in for this issue of the OUTLOOK. We are sorry not to be able to report all. The Classical Secretary of Thank Offering Boxes kindly bear in mind to send a report to the General Secretary.

We may renew our strength by turning to the God who called us, and sent us out upon our work with His whisper of hope and courage in our hearts. The God who called us will not leave us nor forsake us; He will deepen in us the assurance that our work is not in vain, and renew within us the drying springs of devotion to the work He has given us to do.

—J. E. MCFADYEN.

THE FOSTORIA CLASS, LINWOOD CONFERENCE.

OUR PRINTED HELPS.

"1913 Program," prepared by Miss Cogan, approved by the Executive Committee, 12 cents per dozen. Now at half price.

"An Easy Guide," by Miss Cogan, 5 cents each.

"Life Members, and Members in Memoriam," by Mrs. R. Ella Hahn, 1 cent each.

"The Mission of the Thank Offering Box," by Miss Anna Blessing, 1 cent each.

"Devotional Service for Thank Offering Day," arranged by Miss Blessing, free, postage about 1 cent per dozen.

"Young People's Work," by Mrs. John Lentz, 1 cent each.

"Organized Effort," by Mrs. R. C. Zartman, 1 cent each.

"Home Remedies," by Miss Cogan, 1 cent each.

"Moving Mountains," by Miss Kate Hansen, 2 cents each.

"Straw Spectacles," by Mrs. Rose Spangler Stahl, 2 cents each.

"How We Reached the Standard of Excellence," by Mrs. Maude Herbster, 1 cent each.

"The Slave Girl," by Miss Cogan, 2 cents each.

Order from Mrs. C. A. Krout, 240 South Washington street, Tiffin, Ohio.

Lord, make us all love all, that when we meet,
Even myriads of earth's myriads at Thy Bar,
We may be glad as all true lovers are,
Who having parted, count reunion sweet.

—CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

FOR EVERY DAY.

My fairest child I have no song to give you,
No lark could pipe to skies so dull and grey;
Yet, if you will, one quiet hint I'll leave you,
For every day.

I'll tell you how to sing a clearer carol,
Than lark who hails the dawn or breezy down;
To earn yourself a purer poet's laurel
Than Shakspeare's crown.

Be good, sweet maid, and let who can be clever,
Do lovely things, not dream them all day long;
One grand sweet song.

—CHARLES KINGSLEY.

Do You Know

That our foreign mission work has been carried on for a number of years with annual deficits? These have created a debt, amounting to $136,275 on December 31, 1912.

Do You Know

That a strong effort is being made during this Jubilee year to interest 250 persons to pay off this debt by each contributing $200 and upward? Already $8,200 has been contributed for this specific purpose.

TO WHICH SOCIETY DO YOU BELONG.

An Omissionary Society.

Often omits the regular society meeting;
Makes no plans for the year's work;
Is always late in beginning its meetings;
Sends no reports to the Presbyterial Society;
Seeks for no new members;
Introduces no new features into its program;
Omits the devotional service;
Never sends to the Board for new literature;
Arouses no interest in missions;
Refuses to give systematically to missions—
Yes, this and much more this Society does.

President, Miss Do Little.

—From "The Missionary Review of the World."

A Missionary Society.

Meets regularly at least once a month;
Interests each member by subdividing the work;
Sends regular reports to the Presbyterial Society;
Studies best methods of other societies;
Interests outsiders so that they join;
Opens its meetings promptly, and with prayer;
Never allows the meetings to get into a rut;
Always makes all possible use of maps, pictures, etc.;
Raises missionary money through systematic giving—
Yes, this and much more does this Society do.

President, Miss Faithful.

CLASSICAL REPORTS OF W. H. AND F. M. S. OF GENERAL SYNOD

	Name and Address of President	Place of Meeting	Was Apportionment Paid in Full?	Special Home Missions	Special Foreign Missions	Scholarship Fund	Contingent and Literature Fund	Life Members and In Memoriam	Thank Offering Fund	Total for Year	How many Societies?	New Societies	Young People's Societies	Front Line Societies	Total Membership	Loss	Gain	Number of Mission Study Classes	Number of Leading Text Books	Outlook of Missions	Leaves of Light	Have You Secretaries of Departments
EASTERN SYNOD																						
East Pennsylvania	Mrs. E. V. Lentz 311 Market st., Bangor, Pa.	Grace Church, Easton, Pa.	$828.45	.....	$55.00	$25.00	$12.50	....	$99.12	$1021.07	14	..	7	..	499	..	..	..	..	86	45	yes
Philadelphia	Mrs. R. C. Zartman 1815 Oxford st., Philadelphia	Trinity Church, Philadelphia May 13, 1913	1,500.00 (over)	.....	.....	25.00	12.50	$50.00	212.86	1977.20	25	..	..	..	824	57	..	22	12	233	209	yes
Lancaster	Mrs. E. M. Hartman Lancaster, Pa.	Second Church, Harrisburg April 30	obligation met	.....	.....	....	....	25.00	....	.....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..
East Susquehanna	Miss Grace V. Seiler 30 E. Lincoln st., Shamokin, Pa.	Tower City, April 18, 19	177.72 (over)	.....	203.25†	30.70	14.20	....	15.27	441.14	3	2	2	..	76	..	18	..	..	14	....	yes
Goshenhoppen	Miss Emma Yost Boyertown, Pa.	Pottstown, Pa., May 20	350.00 (yes)	.....	25.00	25.00	20.50	75.00	72.01	542.51	4	1	2	..	202	..	22	..	..	56	50	yes
Lehigh	Mrs. C. H. Nadig 203 N. 4th st., Allentown, Pa.	Salem Church, Allentown, Pa. April 3	831.94 (over)	$520.00*	86.00	25.00	12.50	....	203.02	1678.46	13	..	16	..	491	..	13	10	8	224	5	yes
Reading	Mrs. R. Ella Hahn 425 N. 5th st., Reading, Pa.	Hinnershitz, Pa., April 24	1,155.64 (in full)	15.00	.....	40.00	10.00	25.00	25.83	1250.00	23	..	10	..	668	..	82	18	5	75	....	yes
Wyoming	Mrs. Lucy S. Orth 514 Bloom st., Danville, Pa.	Danville, Pa., May 14, 15	496.77	.....	8.00	25.00	2.50	....	....	.....	9	..	3	..	163	..	..	5	2	67	....	3
OHIO SYNOD																						
Miami	Mrs. H. H. Hartman 2338 E. 5th st., Dayton, Ohio	David's Church, Dayton, Ohio May 14, 15	1,084.71 (in full)	10.44	33.04	25.00	62.50	25.00	580.59	1367.88	23	2	1	..	598	30	..	12	2	254	....	yes
Tuscarawas	Mrs. Frank Boigegrain Wooster, Ohio	Canal Fulton, Ohio, May 7, 8	obligation met	.....	.....	....	....	....	189.83	1368.63	20	..	5	..	550	..	..	..	..	214	....	..
Tiffin	Mrs. Karl Beuner 1008 Franklin st., Fremont, O.	Bloomsville, Ohio, May 13, 14	593.39 (in full)	32.00	28.37	25.00	16.50	....	255.50	1244.73	17	..	4	2	351	..	9	4	5	186	....	yes
Lancaster	Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr Delaware, Ohio	Basil, Ohio, May 21	475.75	79.00	37.38	25.00	15.00	50.00	250.51	882.64	11	..	3	1	257	18	..	7	2	95	30	yes
St. Joseph	Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach 413 Wabash st., Bluffton, Ind.	Culver, Ind., May 21, 22	325.24 (in full)	37.02	89.25	25.00	24.25	....	127.32	605.98	10	..	..	..	184	4	..	7	1	69	36	yes
POTOMAC SYNOD																						
Zion	Miss Annie M. Blessing Hellam, Pa.	Red Lion, May 20	350.00 (in full)	.....	.....	25.00	5.00	....	110.19	534.31	16	1	..	..	....	..	..	5	4	65	....	yes
Gettysburg	....	Report in June Outlook of Missions	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..
INTERIOR SYNOD																						
Wichita	Mrs. T. F. Stauffer Emporia, Kas.	Cheney, Kas., In May	146.19	.....	.....	15.00	25.62	....	8.47	195.28	5	..	1	..	87	13	..	2	1	35	50	yes
Iowa	Mrs. F. S. Bromer 632 L st., W. Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 21	143.59 (in full)	5.00	5.80	25.00	12.00	....	21.50	198.22	5	1	1	..	81	2	..	1	1	20	50	yes
Illinois	Mrs. H. W. Hartzell Orangeville, Ill.	Grace Church, Freeport, Ill. June 10, 11	120.75	11.00	25.00	25.00	4.00	25.00	14.09	199.84	4	..	..	..	69	..	..	..	..	25	20	yes
CENTRAL SYNOD																						
St. John	Mrs. J. H. Rettig North Philadelphia, Ohio	Canton, Ohio, May 21, 22	364.99 (in full)	71.11	20.00	21.37	22.00	....	3.00	502.47	9	..	..	..	211	..	12	..	..	88	....	yes
Erie	.....	First Church, Sandusky, Ohio May 28, 29	obligation met	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..
Toledo (1 year old)	Mrs. Ruth Winter Fort Wayne, Ind	Detroit, Mich, May 7, 8	166.40	22.00	25.00	25.00	5 00	25.00	55.00	313.40	9	1	1	1	98	..	2	2	1	49	....	yes
PITTSBURG SYNOD																						
St. Paul	Mrs. Albert Snyder, Cor. Sec'y Hadley, Pa.	Jerusalem Church, Shenango Charge, May 19	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..

* Including a Church-building Fund. † For Miss Rebecca Messimer.

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